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To: Leidy, Robert
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Subject: RE: active mines in Pima County, etc.
Attachments: Copper Production in ArizonaJF.doc

Hi, Rob,

Attached please find a recent update of an earlier document that we prepared. In Pima County we have the Mission, Silverbell, and Sierrita mines in operation. Two other existing mines, Oracle Ridge and Twin Buttes, may re-open. This document addresses these and other copper mines in Arizona. This document does not discuss the dormant copper mine at Ajo in Pima County, but I am not hearing any serious rumors about re-opening it. There is also the EPA Superfund mine known as Cyprus Tohono that is on the Tohono O'odham Nation near Sacaton, Arizona. It's been closed and the company is replacing contaminated wells. http://www.fcx.com/sd/pdf/fast_facts/Cyprus_Tohono_reclam_JUL09.pdf

Let me know if this doesn't address your information needs. This only discusses copper mines, not gold, silver, limestone, and other locatable minerals.

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Hi Julia,

Hope all is well with you. Do you know how many "large-scale" mines are operating or are in the planning stages within Pima County and adjacent counties?

Best,

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